

**WORKSHOP SESSION  
TIFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
TUESDAY, October 8, 2013 (6:00 p.m.)**

The scheduled Workshop Session of the Tift County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Grady Thompson on Tuesday, October 8, 2013, at 6:00 p.m. in the Commissioner's Meeting Room of the Administrative Building. Members of the Commission present including Chairman Thompson were Vice Chairman Miley and Commissioners Robert Setters, Mike Jones, Donnie Hester, and Melissa Chevers. Commissioner Rigdon was out of town and was not present.

**Public Comments:**

William (Bill) Brim came before the Board with a request for the paving of Lower Ty Ty Road. His produce business is located out there and there is heavy traffic. His business alone has 60 to 70 tractor trailers in and out of there all day. It is a hazard near Highway 82. Mr. Dill was present and advised the Board that all of the necessary right-of-way has been obtained. Mr. Brim stated he would greatly appreciate the Board's consideration of the paving of this road.

**Appointments: None**

**Public Hearings: None**

**Items to be discussed for Regular Session on October 14, 2013:**

**A. Surplus vehicle at Recreation Department:** Craig Sowell advised that through the County Manager his department has received a used vehicle from the Tax Assessor's Department therefore he request the surplus of a 1993 Ford Crown Vic that is in the Recreation Department and that it be disposed of through our normal process on GovDeals.

**B. Plant TiftNet Fiber Contract:** Al Stephenson advised the Board that it is time for the annual renewal of the Plant TiftNet Fiber Contract with Plant Telecommunications for fiber optic connections to six (6) county buildings and Internet access in the monthly rate amount of \$5,133.32.

**C. Video/Security Software Maintenance:** Al Stephenson reported that the video surveillance system that the County has in place for employee safety and since the system is vital to the protection of County employees a maintenance plan is needed to insure they are performing optimal levels as well as to insure software bugs are patched as they become available. This also included our fire alarm system in the buildings. Staff recommends we enter into a software maintenance and firm alarm monitoring and hardware maintenance agreement with Coopercraft in the amount of \$14,388 annually.

**D. Utility Relocation/Carpenter Road:** The County Manager reported that as part of the original Carpenter Road Widening Agreement between the Federal DOT, GDOT and Tift County, the County along with the Development Authority are responsible for paying the cost of any utility relocation. The cost of the relocation per the Agreement with Georgia Power is \$116,436.28. The share of that cost is \$40,742.70 (35%) for the County with the Development Authority paying the remaining \$75,683.38 (65%). The Chairman needs to be authorized to sign the Relocation Agreement with Georgia Powers. The County's portion will be paid from SPLOST IV Funds.

**E. DOT Local State Route Acceptance Resolution:** Jason Jordan reported on this issue with the Georgia Department of Transportation. The County currently owns Carrington Drexler Road. GDOT will soon be in the process of a re-ramp project at the intersection where this road is located. Tift County needs to give the Right-of-Way to GDOT to build their project and relocated this road. Once this has been completed GDOT will deed Carrington Drexler Road back to Tift County.

**F. Petition for Inert Landfill Annexation:** The County Manager advised the Board that East Gate Subdivision has submitted a Petition to be annexed into the City of Tifton. The Inert Landfill that is jointly owned by the City and the County is located between East Gate and the next property that is in the City. In order to be in compliance with Zoning Regulations, the County would need to sign the Petition for the Inert Landfill to also be annexed into the City.

**G. Application for Beer License for E Z Trip Store at 4486 Hwy 319 South:** The County Clerk advised that this store is under new management and they have made application for beer license. The application has been properly process with criminal history and fingerprints run and it comes with an approval from the Sheriff.

**County Manager Comments:**

- **Gave a letter to the Board for approval to be sent to the Georgia Department of Transportation stating that Tift County would be in agreement for a study for an alternate route for the**

**proposed Tifton Bypass**

- **Asked for an Executive Session for Legal and Personnel**

**Commissioner's Comments:**

Commissioner Miley asked that a smoking disposal container be placed in front of the Administration Building so that people will not throw their cigarette butts on the ground.

**Executive Session:** Motion to go into Executive Session for Legal and Personnel matters was made by Commissioner Hester, seconded by Commissioner Jones. Motion carried unanimously.

There was no further business after Executive Session and Chairman Thompson adjourned the meeting.

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Chairman Grady Thompson, District 7

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Vice Chairman Sherry Miley, District 4

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Commissioner Donnie Hester, District 1

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Commissioner Melissa Chevers, District 2

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Commissioner Robert Setters, District 3

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Commissioner F. W. (Buck) Rigdon, District 5

ATTEST:

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Commissioner C. Michael Jones, District 6

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County Clerk 10/8/2013